

with the Secretary General of NATO and our allies in NATO to provide a firm response to the actions that are taking place on the ground. I want the Sudanese Government to understand the United States of America is serious about solving this problem.

I'm proud of our Nation's generosity when it comes to aid, and the American people ought to be proud of the taxpayer dollars that have gone to provide much needed aid for those who suffer. But this Government must understand that we expect the aid to get to the people, and we expect there to be a solution to this problem.

There will be rallies all across the country. And for those of you who are going out to march for justice, you represent the best of our country. We believe every life is precious, every human being is important. And the signal you send to the world is a strong signal, and I welcome your participation. And I want to thank the organizers for being here.

I want to thank this good man right here—he sits here next to his President, and it wasn't all that long ago that he was a slave inside Sudan. He sits here to represent the thousands of lives who have been affected by a Government that must honor human rights.

And, Simon, I'm proud to have you here as a fellow American, proud to have you here as a friend.

Thank you all for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:50 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary General Jakob Gijbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and Simon Deng, founder of the Sudan Freedom Walk.

### **Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Proposed Acquisition of Ross Catherall US Holdings Inc., by Dubai International Capital LLC**

*April 28, 2006*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Attached is a classified report on my decision to take no action to suspend or prohibit the proposed acquisition of Ross Catherall US Holdings Inc., by Dubai International

Capital LLC, a subsidiary of Dubai Holding LLC.

I have made this decision under the authority vested in me as President by section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (the "Exon-Florio amendment"), 50 U.S.C. App. 2170, and on the basis of the recommendation from senior officials who make up the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

The attached report, prepared by my Administration, is submitted consistent with subsection (g) of that amendment and is subject to the provisions of subsection (c) regarding confidentiality of information.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### ***April 22***

In the morning, in St. Helena, CA, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Los Posados State Forest, he bicycled with the Travis Air Force Base cycling team.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to West Sacramento, CA, where he toured the California Fuel Cell Partnership. Later, he traveled to Palm Springs, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Liridon Leti. He then traveled to Indian Wells, CA.

In the evening, the President traveled to Rancho Mirage, CA.

#### ***April 23***

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jalal